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MEETINGS

December 2 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Charles Newman,
Thursday 25 Corte Alegre, Millbrae. Board members and committee
8:00 PM chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

December 9 POTLUCK SUPPER at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Van-
Thursday couver Avenue, Burlingame. Please bring your own table
6:30 PM setting. Call one of the following committee members
to advise what you will bring:

Ruth Crotchett 343-5226
Marie Morgan 341-2552

December 9 REGULAR MEETING, at Roosevelt School (address above).
Thursday Rachel and Will Lamoreux, of Ohlone Audubon Society,
8:00 PM will present a color slide program entitled "NATURE
IS WHERE YOU ARE".
The Lamoreux' have long been interested in both nature
and photography, and belong to various clubs in both
fields. They were asked to give a nature lesson in a
school of photography, and this program is the result.
They take their blind, set it up before the audience,
then show slides covering many phases of nature. The
last few minutes are used to show a few of the acces-
sories they have found useful in nature photography.

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339

December 4 LAKE MERRITT, Oakland
Saturday LEADERS: Max Immel and Byron Davies 334-2851
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the Sailboat Clubhouse parking
lot, entering from Grand Avenue. Easy walking and view-
ing of ducks at close range. Lunch optional.

December 26 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Sunday Everyone's help is needed for this important event.
All day Please send a card to:
Neil Dickinson (366-7661)
554 Oak Park Way
Redwood City, Ca. 94062
Put your name, address, and telephone number on the
card. You will then be notified regarding your assign-
ment and other details about the activities of the day.
In case of very bad weather, the count may be postponed
until the following Sunday.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

MOSS LANDING - SALINAS RIVER - October 30

Several members of the Santa Cruz Bird Club joined Sequoia Audubon on our field trip to Moss Landing and the Salinas River. Under the capable leadership of Randy Morgan, of Soquel, we tallied 65 species for the day. The Flamingo was back again, in the midst of over a hundred Brown Pelicans. The outgoing tide brought in an abundance of shore birds, including Snowy and Black-bellied Plovers, Curlews, Whimbrels, Yellow-legs, Knots and Black-necked Stilts. New birders were able to compare four species of Grebes - Horned, Eared, Western, and Pied-billed - as well as eleven species of ducks. Along the Salinas River Savannah and Vesper Sparrows were numerous.

Jean Jones

RODEO LAGOON - November 6

Of the 75 species on our composite list, various people had various ideas on which was most exciting. Some thought the albino Red-tailed Hawk. Some thought the Black-crowned Night Heron roost. Still others thought the Golden-crowned Kinglets which Val DaCosta (Golden Gate Audubon) so thoughtfully stopped to point out to us. The Buffleheads and Red-breasted Mergansers were a treat, too, as well as four species of Grebes and the Brown Pelicans. But the performance which drew the most raves and was shared only by those who lingered on this beautiful day was an aerial ballet performed against a blue sky by thirty-six White Pelicans - a most spectacular sight and a fitting climax to the day.

Roy and Fran Nelson, Leaders

EAGLE SLAUGHTER REPORTED

It has recently come to light that sheep ranchers in Wyoming and Colorado have been paying "sportsmen" to kill eagles from helicopters, and have also been poisoning them by using thallium in antelope carcasses. A Congressional bill (H.R. 5060, S.78), which would make it a crime to shoot any wildlife from a plane, is currently stalled in committee. Another bill, H.R. 10450, to strengthen the penalties of the eagle protective laws, has been introduced.

POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

Any person interested in bird studies of any type are missing a most useful and informative activity if they do not belong to the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. The sixth annual report of this organization gives complete lists of bird bandings, month-by-month for both the Farallon Islands and Central California, reporting some most unusual species which might not have been believed if only reported from field observation. Regular memberships are only \$7.50 per year, with others ranging up to \$1000.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

LAW SUIT FILED RE ROUTE 380

Citizen action is building up against construction of Rte. 380 through Crestmoor Canyon and Sweeney Ridge in San Bruno. Joseph Bergeron, Burlingame attorney and Sierra Club member, at the invitation of Sequoia Audubon President Charles Newman, explained to all who attended the November 11 meeting of Sequoia Audubon that he, interested in protecting the environmental quality of San Mateo County, will, without fee, represent the Sierra Club in a suit against the California Division of Highways, based on its disregard for the need for environmental impact studies. Mr. Bergeron stressed that it was very important that Senator Arlen Gregorio and Governor Reagan be told by all concerned citizens of their opinions on this issue. Sequoia Audubon will become a co-plaintiff in the suit if approval is given by National Audubon Society, according to President Newman.

RECYCLE AND BIRDWATCH

Birdwatchers can combine work with pleasure when recycling their collected newspapers, glass, and cans at the recycling center at the east end of Embarcadero, Palo Alto, open 8 to 5 every day except Monday and Tuesday. The Center's activity is flourishing with a reported 220,000 tons handled the past month as persons throughout the Mid-peninsula begin to use its facility. Considering the trees this saves and the decreased solid waste which would go into Bay-fill, most conservationists feel the results are worth the effort.

Nearby is the Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, open Monday through Friday, 2 to 5 PM, Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Weekend activities include films and nature walks which begin on the hour each hour starting at 11 AM.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - H. R. 111

October 29 was a red letter day for the proposed Wildlife Refuge -- the bill, H.R. 111, had its first Congressional hearing by a sub-committee of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Bay Area experts testifying for the refuge were: Arthur Ogilvie, Secretary of the South Bay Wildlife Refuge and Planning Committee, Dr. Thomas Harvey, biologist, San Jose State College and consultant to BCDC on marine ecology, representing National Audubon Society, and Christian Nelson of the East Bay Regional Park District. The bill received enthusiastic support from Asst. Secretary of the Interior Nathaniel Reed.

Mr. Ogilvie advises that there probably will be as many as three more hearings in various committees in Washington before the bill reaches the floor for a vote next Spring. It is important that informed qualified representatives are present at each hearing to speak in favor of establishing the refuge. Funds are needed for their travel expenses. Please send contributions in any amount to:

S.F. Bay National Wildlife Refuge Fund
P.O. Box 4386
San Jose, California 95126

Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, a co-sponsor of H.R. 111, has requested that one of the hearings be held in the Bay Area, but at this date such a hearing has not been scheduled.

Marian Lockwood, Co-chairman
Conservation Committee

Sequoia Audubon Society is a branch of National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to enjoy and safeguard the wildlife of the Bay Area. All interested persons are welcome on field trips, bird walks, and monthly general meetings.

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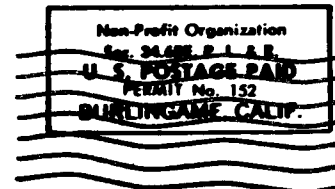
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A CITIZEN'S RESPONSIBILITY

Legislative actions ARE influenced by public opinion. Tax-exempt, non-profit organizations such as ours are forbidden by law to attempt to influence legislation by urging their members to write to their representatives, while commercial interests are free to hire lobbyists and otherwise promote their private interests.

It is therefore the responsibility of all citizens to keep themselves informed of activities by governmental agencies which affect their welfare, and to make their wishes known to those who represent them by letter, wire, telephone, or personal visit.



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